

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Parks Division
IPM ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, January 18, 2024
Parks Building Break Room
402 E Ortega St
Santa Barbara, CA
9:00 A.M.

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Chittick at 9:08 A.M.

ROLL CALL:

Voting Members:

Present: Greg Chittick, Kristen LaBonte, Larry Saltzman, Barbara Silver, Keith

Nevison

Staff Present: Jazmin LeBlanc, Caitlin Lam, Simón Herrera, Tina Nelson, Joe Gonzales (Facilities), Ashely Lopez (Facilities), Lyn Burich (Waterfront), Ron Kerley (Golf Course)

Also Present: Kathy McGill (P&R Commission)

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

N/A

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

New committee members Barbara Silver and Keith Nevison gave brief introductions on their interest in the committee and experience with IPM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded (Chittick/LaBonte) to approve the minutes of October 25, 2023. The motion passed (3-0-2, Abstain: Silver, Nevison).

MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Staff and Members to discuss the process for changing the PHAER Zone color designation of a site – Chair Chittick

Chair Chittick opened the conversation with a brief explanation of the PHAER Zone color designation system for the new committee members. He expressed specific concern with the tree wells at the Golf Course being yellow rather than green. Jazmin LeBlanc explained that the tree wells were likely designated yellow for the use of glyphosate, but since glyphosate became a red material in 2021 the designation has become less useful. She also explained that in 2019 all of the parking lots and parks that had been yellow were changed to green through committee action (with the exception of the A.C. Postel Memorial Rose Garden). Chair Chittick asked that staff prepare an agenda item for a future meeting to review all yellow and red sites City-wide. Jazmin LeBlanc agreed and noted that the Parks Division may request to add a few yellow zones for enclosed sports fields because minimal use of yellow herbicides has proven to be highly effective in controlling weeds to improve turf safety and conditions on athletic fields. Caitlin Lam also stated that moving forward, the IPM Annual Report will include a section on significant changes so that they are consolidated in a single document.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Exemption Request for use of Vikane and Chloropicrin at 217 & 219 Stearns Wharf (Attachment) – FOR ACTION

Lyn Burich presented the exemption request to fumigate 217 & 219 Stearns Wharf. She explained that there was no known history of fumigation of these buildings and that heat treatment is not a viable alternative because it could damage property inside the buildings. Spot treatment has been done, but building tenants are complaining of continued termite action. The buildings would be fenced, Harbor Patrol can survey the area, and there are security cameras. Chair Chittick moved to approve on the condition that the walkway next to the buildings be blocked so that pedestrian traffic is diverted away; Member Saltzman seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Exemption Request for use of Vikane and Chloropicrin at 1235 Chapala Street (Attachment) – FOR ACTION

Ashley Lopez presented the exemption request to fumigate 1235 Chapala Street, the PAL Twelve35 Teen Center. She reported that initially staff received a video from the tenant of active termites in the wood baseboards in the southwest corner of the building. It was assumed that the termites were drywood termites and a plan to fumigate was created. However, Lenz Pest Control later inspected the building, identified the termites as subterranean rather than drywood, and recommended the use of Premise or Dominion 2L (Imidacloprid). Ashley requested that this treatment be added to her request. Additionally, despite the new findings, Ashley requested that the committee continue to consider granting an exemption request for fumigation as the wooden roof members have not been inspected by Lenz Pest

Control and could contain drywood termites. Further, the roof of the building is scheduled for full replacement in the spring, presenting an optimal time to tent after the old roof is removed and before the new roof is installed. Chair Chittick moved to approve both the injection of Imidacloprid to treat subterranean termites and fumigation with Vikane and Chloropicrin to treat drywood termites if determined to be necessary when the roof is removed; Member Nevison seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 A.M.